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SUBJ: ISSUE OF PARTICIPATION OF ISRAEL AND OTHER COUNTRIES

IN UN HABITAT CONFERENCE AT CARACAS REGIONAL MEETING

1. MORNING OF JULY 1 US DEL AGAIN REVIEWED HABITAT CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION ISSUE WITH SYG PENALOSA. PENALOSA STATED THAT HE
WOULD FIRMLY OPPOSE ANY RESOLUTION IN CARACAS MEETING
RECOMMENDING THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE UN PARTICIPATE IN THE
VANCOUVER CONFERENCE, JUST AS HE HAD OPPOSED SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS
AT THE TEHRAN AND CAIRO REGIONAL MEETINGS. HE SAID THAT THE US
WAS TRYING TO PLAY THE SAME GAME IN CARACAS AS HAD THE ARAB COUNTRIES
AT TEHRAN AND CAIRO. PENALOSA PREDICTED THAT AS SOON AS THE US
INTRODUCED ANY SUCH RESOLUTION, THE CUBAN DELEGATION WOULD OBJECT
AND RAISE THE PLO ISSUE.

2. PENALOSA SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED TO UN SYG WALDHEIM ON JUNE 26
ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION QUESTION, AND PENALOSA BELIEVED THAT WE
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WOULD NOW FIND WALDHEIM'S VIEW DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT WAS WHEN HE

WAS "UNDER PRESSURE FROM AMBASSADOR SCALI." PENALOSA SAID HE PLANNED TO NEUTRALIZE THE TEHRAN AND CAIRO RESOLUTIONS BY KEEPING THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE OFF THE AGENDA OF THE AUGUST PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. US DEL TOLD PENALOSA THAT OUR CONCERN WAS THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP THIS ISSUE OFF THE AGENDA, AND THIS IS WHY WE BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT FOR THE CARACAS MEETING TO ENDORSE THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION IN THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE.

3. PENALOSA SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERNS AND WOULD NOT OBJECT IF THE US DEL WERE TO INTRODUCE INTO THE RECORD A GENERAL STATEMENT CALLING UPON THE UN SECRETARIAT TO CONVINCE ALL UN MEMBER COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE BUILD OUR STATEMENT AROUND THE FACT THAT THREE MEMBERS OF ECLA ARE ABSENT FROM THE CARACAS MEETING.

4. COMMENT: BASED ON OUR CANVASSING OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT ANY OTHER DELEGATION IN THE CARACAS MEETING WILL WISH TO RAISE THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE. WE PLAN,

THEREFORE, TO MAKE A STATEMENT, UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS" AT THE AFTERNOON SESSION ON JULY 3, REGRETTING THE ABSENCE OF CERTAIN ECLA COUNTRIES FROM THE CARACAS MEETING AND THE CALLING UPON THE UN SECRETARIAT TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT ALL UN MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPORTANT VANCOUVER HABITAT CONFERENCE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AS MUCH SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE AMONG THE OTHER DELEGATIONS FOR THIS POSITION.

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